



Friday
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Weekly Views

Approximately 140 IDOC and GEO staff participated in the Strategic Plan Kickoff retreat at the Correctional Training Institute. The newly christened Strategic Plan Facilitators participated in team-building exercises and laid the ground work to bring all aspects of the Strategic Plan into every DOC facility and parole district.

Throughout the month of February, IDOC employees participated in the Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers annual food drive sponsored by the first lady Cheri Daniels. All 26 IDOC facilities collected non-perishable food items to help Indiana residents in need. Thanks to the tireless efforts of staff, 9018 food items and \$1,107 were collected and donated to local food banks across the state. Offenders and students also gave to this worthy cause. Students in the Plus Program and Future Soldier's Program at Pendleton Juvenile participated in a Walk-a-thon with staff sponsoring each student with donations of food items. \$500 was also donated by the offenders in the PLUS dorm at Putnamville.

In celebration of Black History month, the Henryville Correctional Facility utilized each week to focus on a different genre of music. The offenders were afforded the opportunity to listen and learn about four genres of music which included several concerts and quizzes. Henryville staff also participated in a soul food carry-in of which the main entrees were fried catfish and homemade meatloaf.

Special Olympics of Greene County has received a \$1,000 boost from the Wabash Valley Fatherhood and PLUS Programs. Jarred Holmes, a Greene County Olympian (track and bowling) was on hand for the formal presentation. Assistant Superintendent of Re-Entry Jack Hendrix said, "Wabash Valley is pleased to donate funds in support of Special Olympics and their message; that people with intellectual disabilities can and will succeed if given the chance."

Students in Mr. DeHart's U.S. History classes at Pendleton Juvenile have spent the month of February learning about the events leading up to the American Revolution. Students created front-page newspapers renaming the Boston Massacre, recognizing that colonists used propaganda to persuade others to resist British laws and occupation. While learning about the Boston Tea Party, students studied other colonial tea parties and how those events led to even more resistance from colonists. To conclude the Boston Tea Party unit, students who created a flier, as a patriot supporting the tea parties or as a loyalist denouncing the tea parties, were invited to a Tea Party hosted by "King DeHart." Students who were invited to the Tea Party presented their respective flier while enjoying a variety of tea and cookies.

Lisa Bock of Wabash Valley ARAMARK has been honored as Assistant Food Service Director of the Year! ARAMARK District Manager Curt Correll made the plaque presentation, honoring Ms. Bock based on her outstanding performance and dedication. Lisa joined the Wabash Valley team in 2009 and works diligently each day with her staff and custody to ensure the daily nutritional needs of the facilities over 2100 offenders are met.

Two Putnamville Correctional Facility employees were promoted and commended on their success. Major Tim Phegley was promoted to Assistant Superintendent at Putnamville and Unit Team Manager Dushan Zatecky was promoted to Assistant Superintendent at the Reception Diagnostic Center. Congratulations go to Mr. Phegley and Mr. Zatecky!

Ms. Jennifer Logan, Account 4 from Edinburgh Correctional Facility, was recently honored as IDOC Employee of the Quarter. Edinburgh Superintendent Fran Osburn and Regional Finance Director Tina Little recognized Ms. Logan for her outstanding performance working two jobs for four different facilities since October of 2010. Superintendent Fran Osburn thanked Ms. Logan for her tremendous work ethic. "Edinburgh is lucky to have such a dedicated employee," added Superintendent Osburn.

PEN Products Job Placement Department conducted a "Job Club" for their IREF resident workers. Kyle McCool, IUPUI School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Director of Undergraduate Programs and Student Services, was the guest speaker discussing the importance of critical thinking in the workplace and personal lives.

The Boy Scout Troop #1888 at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility has expanded. Venture Scout Crew #1888 was started on January 31st in Unit D-9. The Venture Scouts is an accelerated venturing group which brings meaningful activities enhancing leadership qualities and life skills for each Venture Student. The Venture Scouts have also started the FiT (Fitness in Teens) Program. This program will earn the students their Personal Fitness Merit Badge and the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award. The Venture Scouts are working toward earning many badges this month.

Miami Correctional Facility successfully completed its annual facility audit, receiving a 100 percent on mandatory standards and a 98 percent on non-mandatory standards. The facility received high praise for its cleanliness and tool control.

Seven offenders at the Henryville Correctional Facility completed a comprehensive eight week program on effective situational leadership. Offenders were taught the dynamics of situational leadership which entails the qualities of an effective leader and becoming a better team member in the workplace.